

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview
With Timothy Smith (Reg. No. 62, 052) on 11/16/2009.

Independent Claims 7 and 28 have been amended as follows:

7. (Currently Amended) Apparatus ~~adapted to be disposed within a first client application for intercommunicating with a second client application~~ including at least one processor for intercommunicating between a first client application and a second client application, comprising:

(a) setup means including predefinition storage means for selectively predefining and storing one or more events, one or more interest objects corresponding respectively to the one or more events, and one or more functions corresponding respectively to the one or more events, the one or more events including a particular event;

(b) input means for receiving an input from an operator corresponding to the practice of the particular event by the operator in the first client application and for

presenting one or more functions to the operator in response to receipt of a second event;
and

(c) transmission and reception means for:

(1) receiving an interest object corresponding to the particular event transmitted from the second client application via a server to be stored in the predefinition storage means;

(2) transmitting a set of information associated with the particular event stored in the predefinition storage means directly to the second client application without going through the server when the particular event is practiced by the first client application in response to the input provided by the operator via the input means;

(3) receiving a second particular event from the second client application; and

(4) transmitting a second interest object corresponding to the second particular event to the server, the server retransmitting the interest object to the second client application, the second client application transmitting information concerning the second particular event directly to the first client application without going through the server when a user practices the second particular event on the second client application.

28. (Currently Amended) The workstation based system of 25, wherein the icon generating means generates an event filter icon, the comparison means selecting either some or all of the one or more events stored in the storage means, the framework means transmitting the selected [[e]] events to the other client applications.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE:

Claims 7, 8, 21, and 23-28 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The terminal disclaimers filed 11/13/2009 has been approved. The prior nonstatutory double patenting rejections are withdrawn.

Interpreting the claims in light of the specification, Examiner finds the claimed invention is patentably distinct from the prior art of record.

The prior art does not expressly teach or render obvious the invention as recited in amended independent claims 7, 21, and 25.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

CONTACT INFORMATION

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